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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the printer Rush on 12/21/2004 and the Interview on 1/5/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-7 and 9-19, renumbered 1-15.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Deakin T. Lauer (#47,735) on January 4, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

4. (Twice amended) A reversible-seat system for a vehicle, the system comprising:

a seat cushion having an anterior side and a posterior side:

a seatback, the seatback including at least one post element extending below a lower side of the seatback; and

at least one receiving slot located on each of the anterior and posterior sides of the seat cushion, the receiving slots being configured to cooperatively, retainably receive the post element,

wherein the seatback is removable from the receiving slots and replaceable between a first position and a second position, the first position being where the post

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element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the posterior side of the seat cushion and the second position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the anterior side of the seat,

wherein the at least one receiving slot is formed in the seat cushion, and

the at least one receiving slot is located within an outside edge of the seat cushion and extends through a top surface of the seat cushion [, and].

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney B. White whose telephone number is (703) 308-2276.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Cuomo can be reached on (703) 308-0827. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

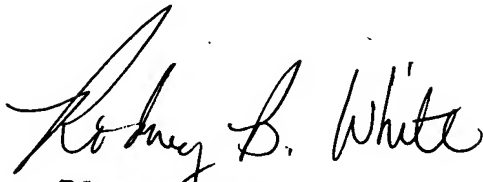
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